forum to deal with sickness in SSI

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether presently there is no forum like BIFR to deal with sickness in the Small Industries Sector;

(b) if so, the details of the machinery/forum at present available at the Central/State level to deal with sickness in the above sector;

(c) whether the seminar held at Ghaziabad (U.P.) under the auspices of the Confederation of Small Scale Industries in India (COSSI) in February, 1995 recommended creation of a BIFR like forum at the Central and the State levels to deal with sickness of the small scale industries sector;

(d) if so, the details of the recommendations made at the seminar in this regard; and

(e) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the advice of the Government of India, the Reserve bank of India has set up State Level Inter-Institutional Committees (SLIICs) in all States under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Industries Department of the concerned State Government for working out a rehabilitation package for revival of viable sick small scale units.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Recommendations are reproduced below:

"Sickness in large and medium scale units is dealt with by the Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). However, there is no such body to deal with the sickness in small scale industry sector despite raising this question from time to time on various forums and occasions. In view of the magnitude of problems faced by the SSIs throughout the country, this seminar of the Confederation of Small Scale Industries of India (COSSII) strongly favours creation of a body for settlement of cases relating to rehabilitation/winding up of sick units of BIFR at national and state levels with quasi-judicial powers to give mandatory directions to the Central and State Governments, financial institutions and commercial banks within the frame work of RBI guidelines. The cases relating to sickness upto Rs. 1 crore might be dealt with by the suggested state level statutory body and from Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 3 crores could be tackled by the national body.

An appellant body might also be set up under Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries. Government of India to look into the cases that might come up after the verdict of state level organisation of settlement.

The present machinery i.e., SLIIC in the absence of quasi-judicial powers to give mandatory directions to the concerned agencies including banks, etc., within the framework of RBI guidelines has not provided the required relief to the SSIs in the matter of redressal of their grievances. Morever, no redressal system exists for the SSI units when banks do not adhere to the guidelines and the SSI units have to fight suits filed against them for no fault of theirs".

(e) The matter has been considered and for the present, among other things, the State Governments have been advised to revitalise the State Level Inter-Institutional Committees for the rehabilitation of the sick SSI units.

Technologies Developed by BARC

4695. SHRI G.Y KRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) has developed new/latest technologies in various fields;